

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PLAN**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

The Department of Healthcare and Family services proposes to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) which will amend the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) and assures coverage of routine patient costs associated with participation in qualifying clinical trials. The proposed change is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022.

Pursuant to section 1905(a)(30) and 1905(gg)(1) of the Social Security Act, routine patient costs must be covered for a beneficiary participating in a qualifying clinical trial and include any item or service provided to the individual, to prevent, diagnose, monitor, or treat complications resulting from participation in the qualifying clinical trial.

The Department estimates this change will be budget neutral. The proposed change is subject to approval by federal CMS and may be modified or revised during the approval process.

The Department solicited input from Illinois' tribal representatives regarding the proposed changes herein in compliance with section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and in accordance with the Illinois State Plan tribal consultation policy. The Department provides a comprehensive set of services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit for individuals under 21 years of age, as described by 42 CFR 440.345.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. All questions or comments must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice and addressed to:

Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
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Springfield, IL 62763-0001
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The notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois. Comments received regarding this notice shall be published on the HFS web site at <http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/>.

This notice is being provided in accordance with federal requirements found at 42 CFR 440.386.